

IMPROVEMENTS RELATING TO COMPUTER SYSTEMS

A computer system comprising hardware (70), an  
operating system (68), and application programs (54) which  
5 makes function calls on the operating system, includes a  
portability layer (60) which directs the calls to  
components of a native library (62) associated with the  
operating system, if such components exist, or otherwise  
directs the calls to components of a special portability  
10 library (64). In this way the application can very easily  
be adapted or ported to run on many different platforms  
including either a feature-rich operating system or a  
feature-sparse operating system.